



## Collective Nouns

A **collective noun** refers to a group of people, animals, things, or ideas.

- A collective noun takes a singular verb when talking about the group as a whole.  
Example: The *team* is ready to warm up.
- A collective noun takes a plural verb when talking about different parts of the group.  
Example: Some of the *team* have done jumping jacks while others have done push-ups.

### PRACTICE

Complete each sentence with the correct verb form.

1. A swarm of locusts \_\_\_\_\_ heading our way!
2. Some of the locusts \_\_\_\_\_ gigantic!
3. The members of the jury \_\_\_\_\_ casting votes.
4. The jury \_\_\_\_\_ deliberating behind closed doors.
5. The crowd \_\_\_\_\_ angry about having to wait hours for tickets.
6. Some people in the crowd \_\_\_\_\_ leaving the ticket line.
7. The class \_\_\_\_\_ waiting patiently for the teacher.
8. All of the students \_\_\_\_\_ beginning to get restless.
9. The crew \_\_\_\_\_ flown into space before.
10. The members of the crew \_\_\_\_\_ trained to do different tasks.

Think of four other collective nouns. (*Hint: Many collective nouns name groups of animals.*)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Write a sentence for each collective noun.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

### WRITE ON!

A school refers to a group of fish. On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph about fish. Check to make sure that each sentence has subject-verb agreement.